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Front Lines Message from the Regional Administrator

This month marks a dual new beginning. Not only is it a new year but the launch of a new four year term for the Executive Branch of our government, of which the EPA is a vital member.

My resolve is that we in Region 6 will fully seize this opportunity and make the next four years the period of greatest progress in environmental improvement for our five states in the whole history of the agency.

I have confidently claimed ours as the "premier region" to Administrator Leavitt and other senior officials at headquarters. That has set a high bar but I am completely confident of our ability to clear it.

In the almost two years I have had the assignment of serving as Regional Administrator I have been impressed by the central realizations of the magnitude of our work and the responsibility we owe to the people we serve.

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In carrying out that responsibility we should acknowledge that those depending on us should expect nothing less than our resolve to do our best. If we are true to that basic principle, there is no question in my mind that we will achieve the overall goal of making the next four years the most productive ever.

Region 6 is fortunate to have the leadership of an executive team whose skills are characterized first by their dedication to the sense of duty we all share.

Having recognized the management officials for their ability, we come to the reali-



zation that it is the day to day high performance of every member of the regional family, working with colleagues throughout the agency, who actually deliver the results that make the difference in the lives of every American.

The momentum we build from making the right decisions and doing our jobs well carries us forward with an empowerment that makes it possible to positively impact our environment and our communities. We have a proven record of addressing and overcoming complex environmental issues. We have taken risks and been assertive in accomplishing our work. That trend must continue as there are more and bigger challenges to come.

Our best days lie just ahead. My confidence in our team cannot be overstated and, as a result of the assurance that comes from my experience here, I eagerly anticipate each new day. Thank you for that privilege.